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SHOULD BE

A COLLECTIVE VIEW  
OF MODERN SOCIETY



SEE YOU  
IN STARLIGHT...

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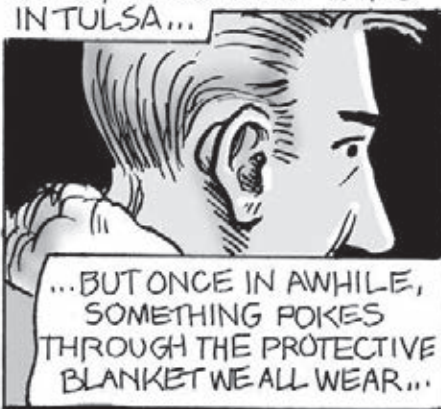
HE WASN'T TYPICAL. NO  
HAND-LETTERED SIGN, NO  
GRUBBY CUSHIONS, NO  
TRASH BAGS OF  
SODA CANS.  
GOOD SHOES.

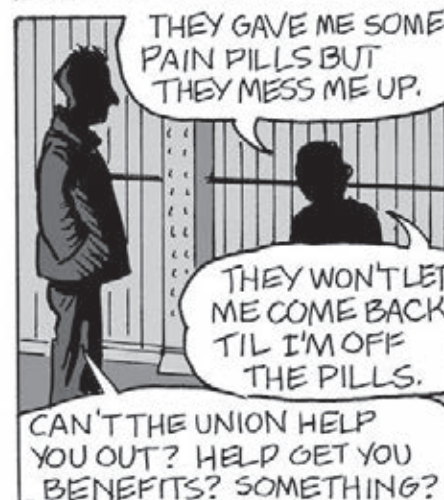


JUST A GUY ON A MILK CRATE,  
HALF IN THE SHADOWS,  
SAYING...

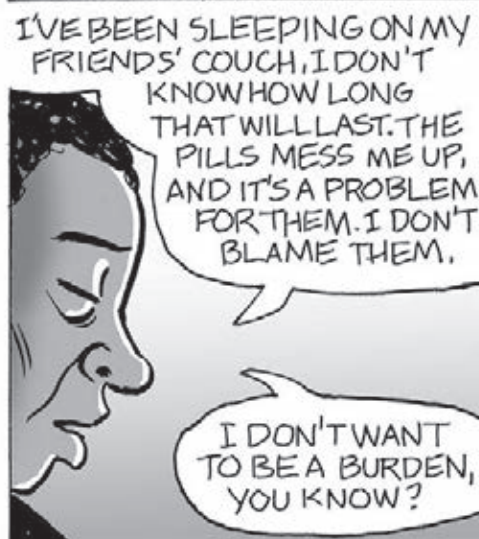


I DON'T DO THIS OFTEN. A  
COUPLE OF TIMES IN NEW  
YORK, A COUPLE OF TIMES  
IN TULSA...













**self-care**  
by: Cynthia Allison





# Burger & Drink of the Month

## October 2021



### 1917 Mississippi Slug Burger

Seasoned Beef & Potato Burger

Mayo

Pickles

Onion

Mustard

### Black No. 1

Stoli Vanilla Vodka

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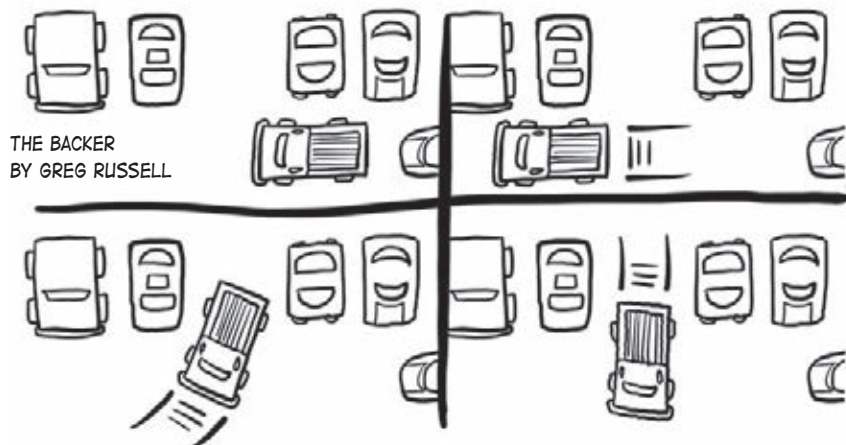
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THE BACKER  
BY GREG RUSSELL









## **'THE HEART OF AUTUMN'**

**by Jerry Lee Kirk**

**I want to crawl inside  
the heart of Autumn  
bury myself beneath leafy  
quilts surrounded by a  
kaleidoscope of colors;  
orange browns reds  
and yellows to sit  
before the grandest of  
fire pits while sipping  
spicy chai and plotting  
with Pumpkin King the  
overthrow of summer  
whose dominance  
has become  
intolerable**





# PEOPLE YOU MEET AT WATER AEROBICS

## BY YOU - KNOW - WHO

(Uh... Me... Karla Holland)





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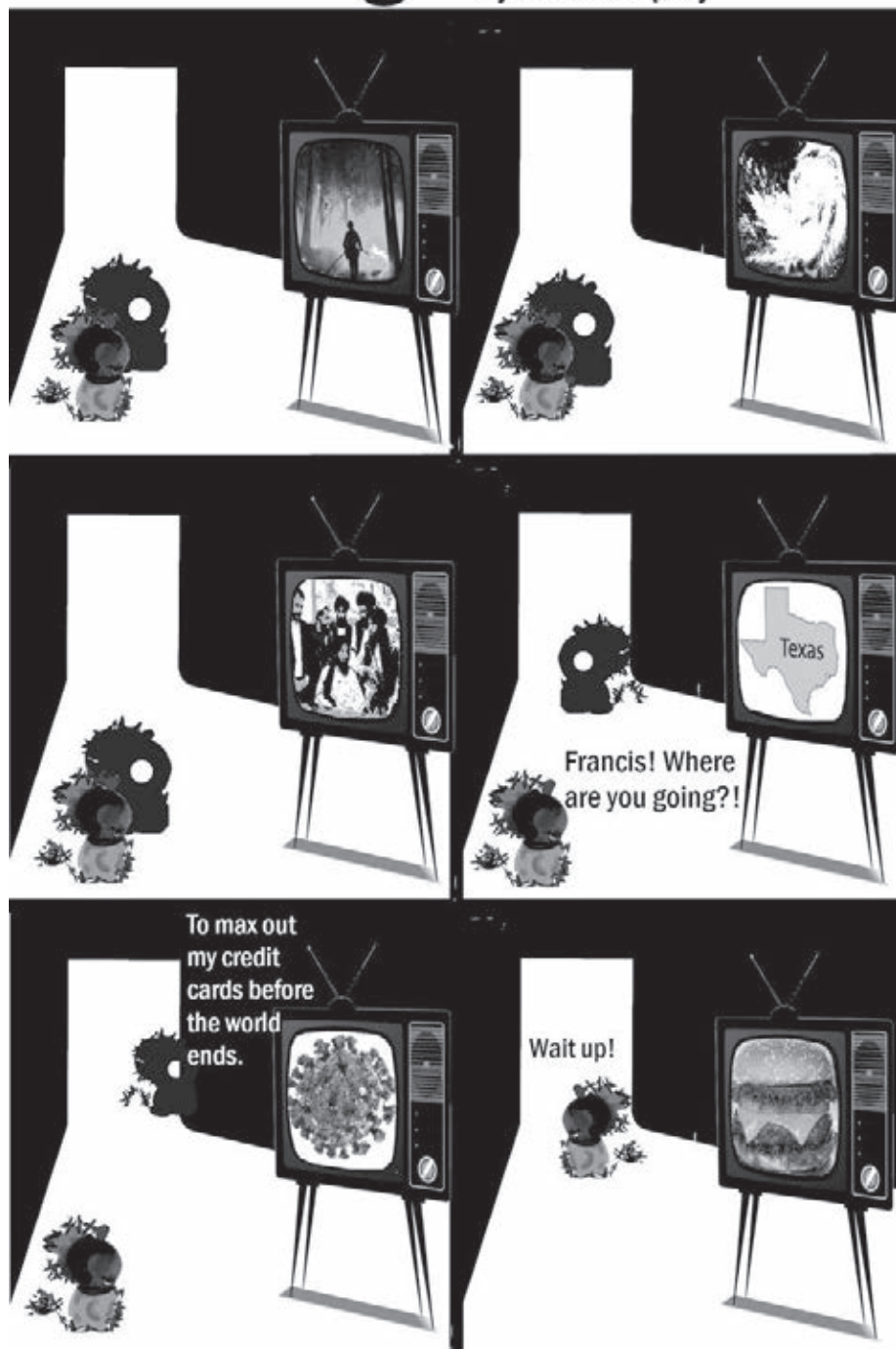


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# The Morgs

by @stencilspray

vol. 3





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- **CHARLOTTE N.C. BASED BICYCLE CLUB**
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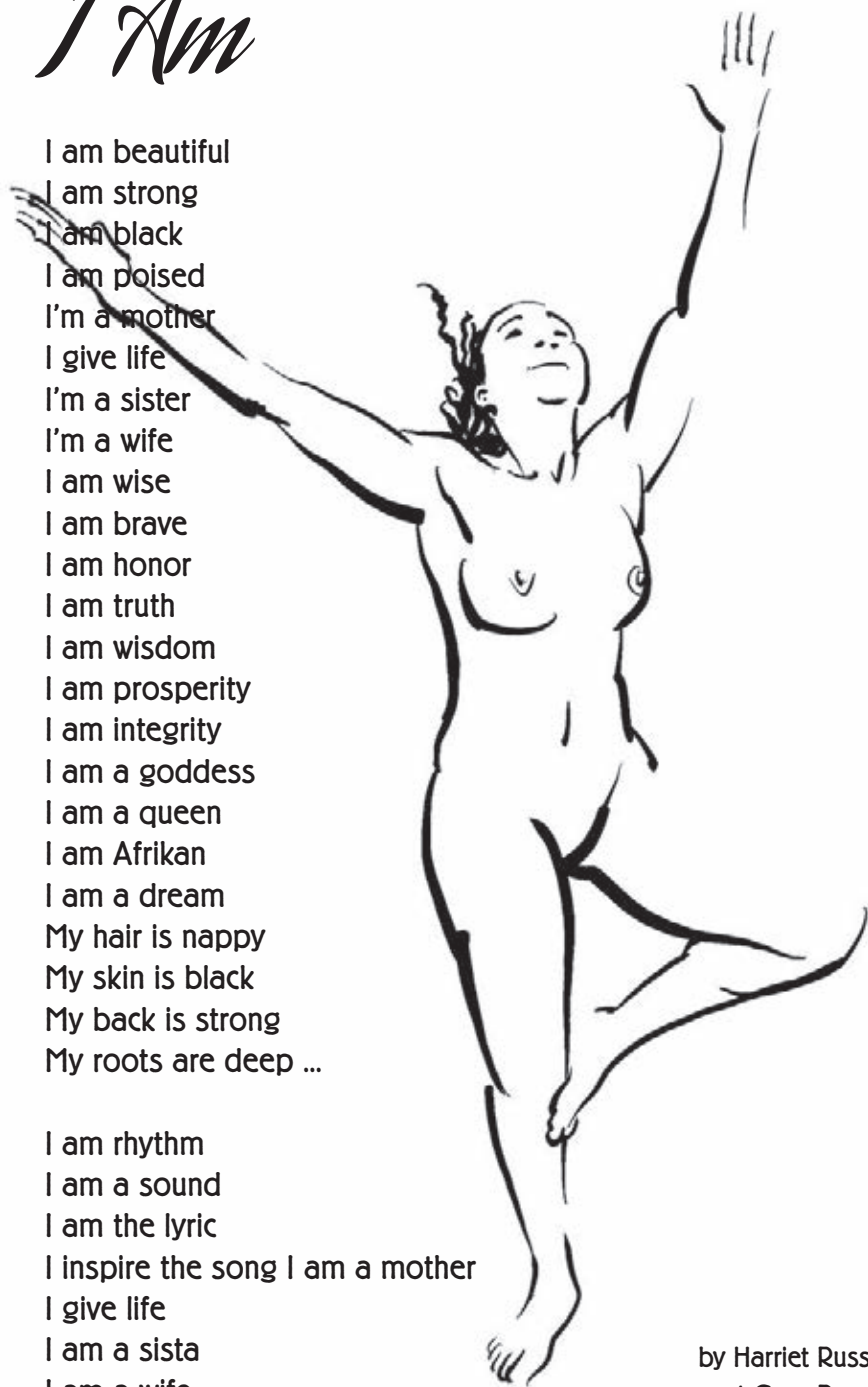




# *I Am*

I am beautiful  
I am strong  
I am black  
I am poised  
I'm a mother  
I give life  
I'm a sister  
I'm a wife  
I am wise  
I am brave  
I am honor  
I am truth  
I am wisdom  
I am prosperity  
I am integrity  
I am a goddess  
I am a queen  
I am Afrikan  
I am a dream  
My hair is nappy  
My skin is black  
My back is strong  
My roots are deep ...

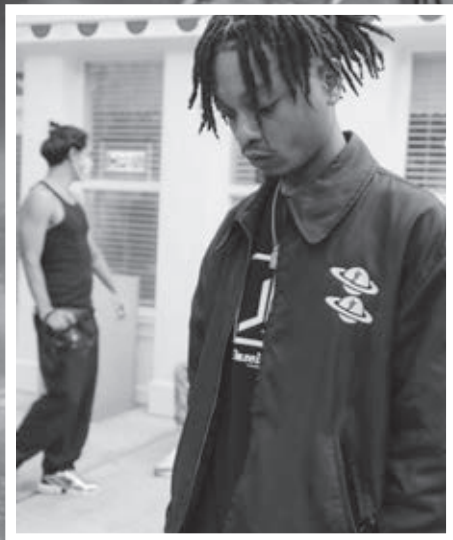
I am rhythm  
I am a sound  
I am the lyric  
I inspire the song I am a mother  
I give life  
I am a sista  
I am a wife ...



by Harriet Russell  
art Greg Russell

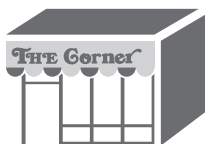


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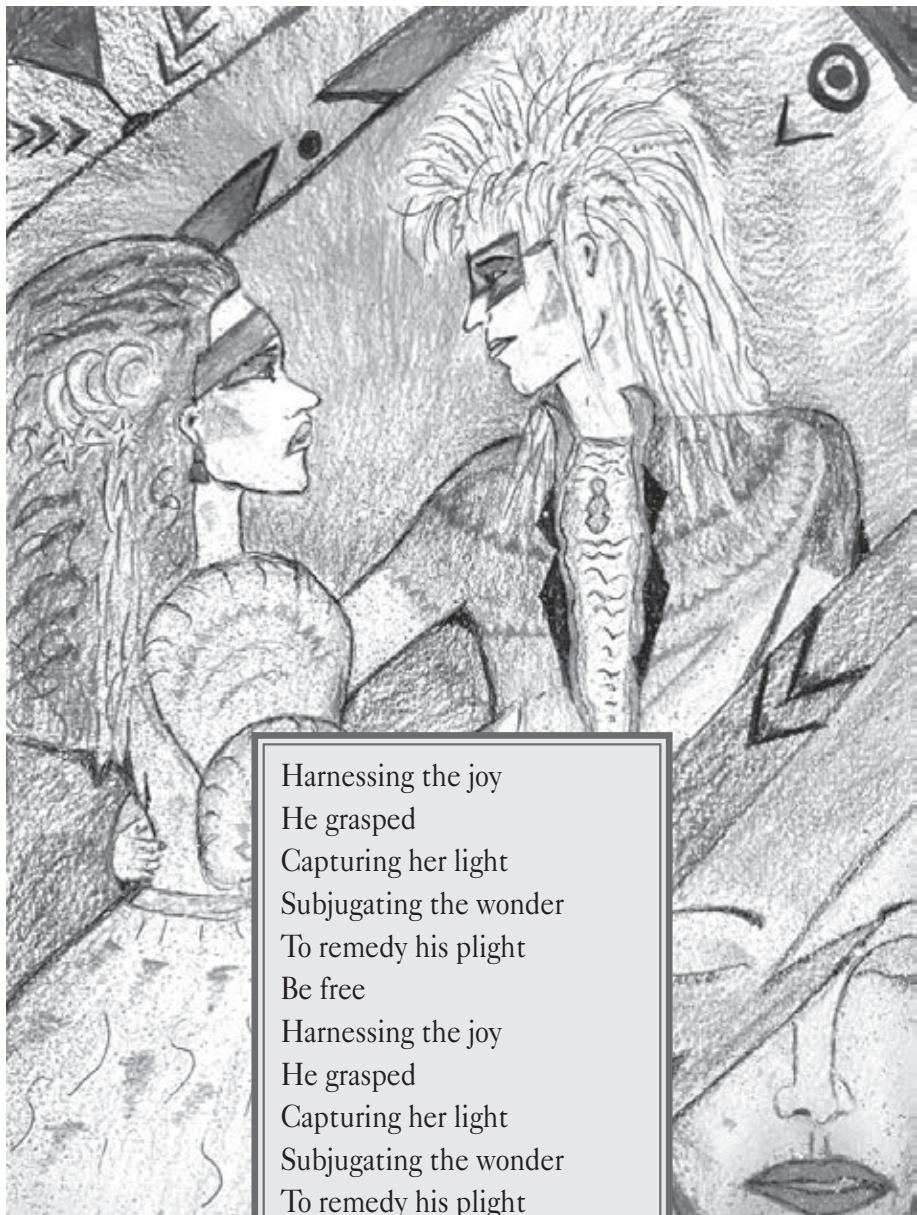


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To remedy his plight  
Be free  
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He grasped  
Capturing her light  
Subjugating the wonder  
To remedy his plight  
Be free  
The poet said  
He can hold you no longer  
Your mind a power portal  
Your words strike him asunder.

— Kathleen Finch



I READ SOMEWHERE THAT ONE OF THE SYMPTOMS OF THE CORONAVIRUS IS THE INABILITY TO TASTE OR SMELL.



YOU KNOW WHAT? IF FOR ANY REASON I SHOULD LOSE MY ABILITY TO SMELL AND TASTE WINE, THEN JUST TAKE ME NOW.

WHY WOULD YOU COMPLAIN? YOU'RE STILL GONNA GET A BUZZ!



HI. MY NAME'S ...

# SWEET PEA

by  
GREG  
RUSSELL

AND I'M SICK OF IT.

TODAY I'M STRIKING OUT  
ON MY OWN. I'M GOING  
TO BE MY OWN MAN.

I DON'T BELIEVE IN  
FATE OR DESTINY.  
I'M GOING TO CHART  
MY OWN COURSE.

DANG! BUT LIFE ALWAYS  
GETS IN THE WAY. THERE  
ARE ALWAYS SURPRISES  
AND OBSTACLES THAT  
COME OUT OF THE BLUE.



NO MATTER HOW MUCH  
YOU PLAN, YOU REALLY  
DON'T KNOW WHERE  
YOU'LL BE NEXT YEAR ...

OR THE NEXT DAY.  
OR THE NEXT MINUTE ...

MAYBE FOOD FOR  
CHICKS. MAYBE  
FOOD FOR WORMS.

BUT THERE CAN BE  
GOOD SURPRISES TOO.

SOMETIMES.

I GUESS IT'S ALL A  
MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE.



WHAT DA HELL  
ISH THISH?

IT'S A LITTLE DUDE! I CAN PUT  
'EM INNA ... FREAK SHOW ...  
AN MAKE ... LOTS OF MONEY.

ARE THERE STILL  
FREAK SHOWS?

I'LL JUSH PUT 'EM  
... HERE 'TIL ...



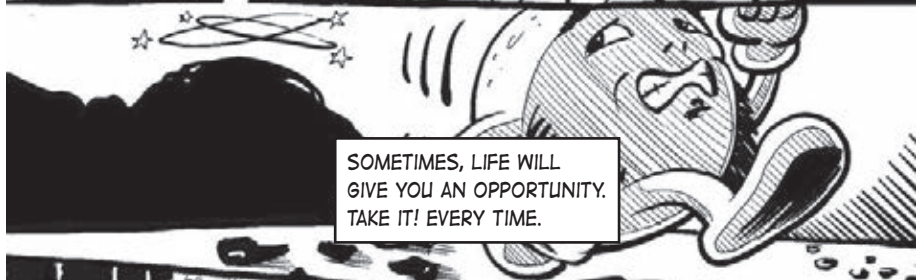
IT'S A GOOD THING  
I'M A PACIFIST ...



'CAUSE I CAN  
FUCK YOUR SHIT UP.



SOMETIMES, LIFE WILL  
GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY.  
TAKE IT! EVERY TIME.



BUT THEN AGAIN, THE GRASS  
ISN'T ALWAYS GREENER ON THE  
OTHER SIDE. IT USUALLY ISN'T.



OH, LAWDY!  
GIVE ME A BREAK!



FIN

# rainstorm, before the winter

an adaptation of "it rains" by pablo neruda

illustration by sarah allen reed

It rains

over the sand, over the roof

the theme

of the rain:

the long Ls of rain fall slowly  
over the pages  
of my everlasting love,

this salt of every day:

rain, return to your old nest,

return with your needles to the past:



today I long for the whitest space,  
winter's whiteness for a branch  
of green rosebush and golden roses:

something of infinite spring

that today was waiting,

under a cloudless sky

and whiteness was waiting,

when the rain returned

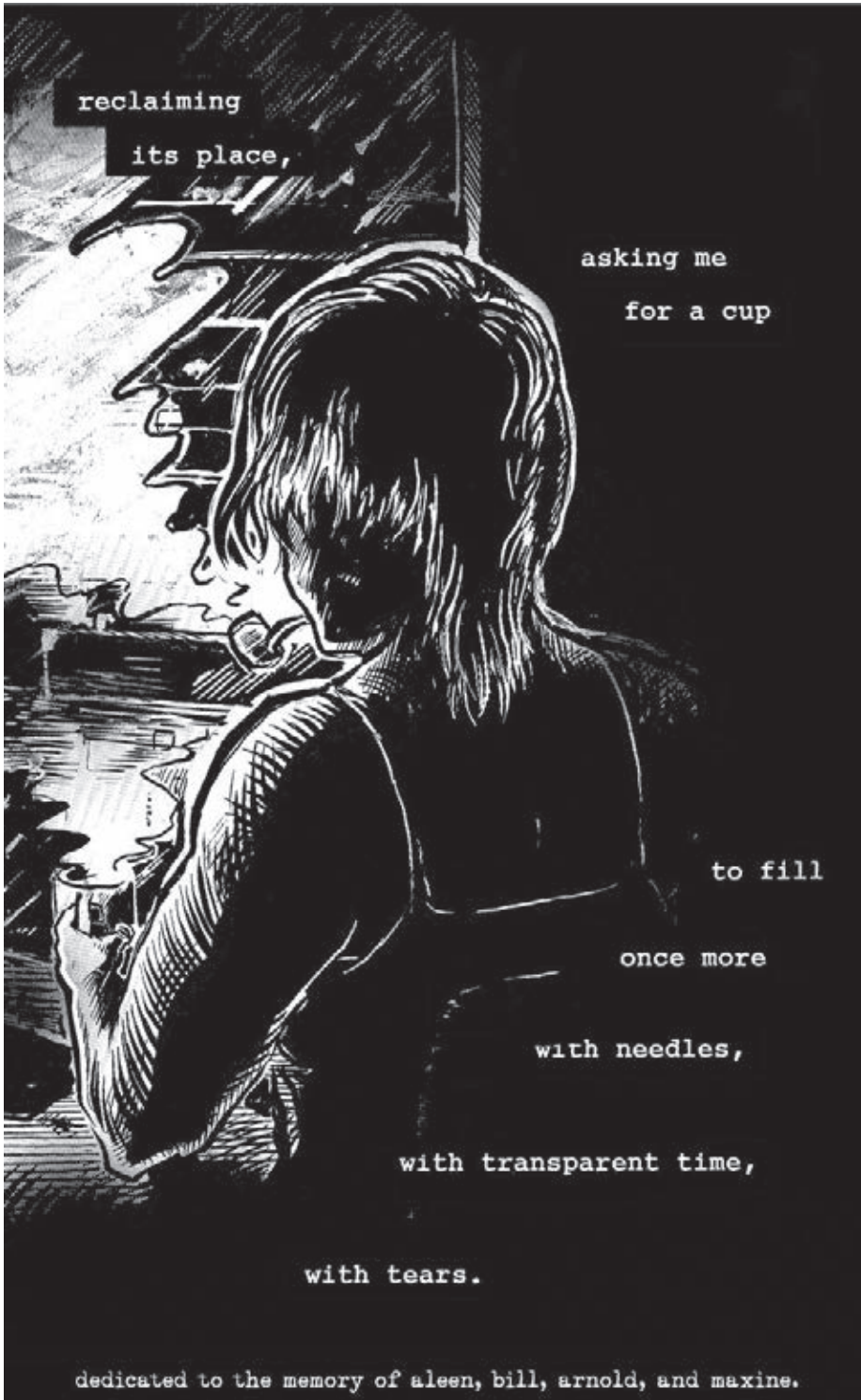
to sadly drum

against the window,

then to dance with unmeasured fury

over my heart

and over the roof,



reclaiming  
its place,

asking me  
for a cup

to fill

once more

with needles,

with transparent time,

with tears.

dedicated to the memory of aleen, bill, arnold, and maxine.



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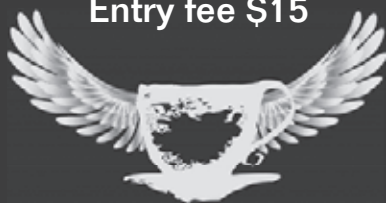
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***GRAND PRIZE***

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